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VIGILANCE MECHANISMS IN MINISTRY AND PSUs
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vigilance Mechanisms in the Ministry and in the PSUs under the Ministry have effective in curbing the menace of corruption;

(b) if so, the number of complaints handled by the Vigilance in Ministry and in PSUs about their employees during the last two years and the result thereof; and

(c) the steps contemplated to strengthen the Vigilance Mechanism in the Ministry and in PSUs?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) to (c) : The Vigilance Administration in the Ministry and PSUs enquires and recommends cases for institution of departmental proceedings whenever, prima facie, cases are established. Several other programmes and activities are undertaken to sensitize the employees regarding need for providing transparency in administration.

The number of complaints handled by the Vigilance Deptt. in the Ministry and in Oil PSUs during the last two years i.e. from 1.1.2002 to 30.11.2003 is 842. The Vigilance Administration recommended departmental proceedings against 248 employees and administrative action against 95 employees during the above period.

The study of systems and procedures for streamlining the Vigilance Mechanism is undertaken from time to time. Preparation of the Agreed list of employees in coordination with CBI, periodic review of the staff posted in sensitive areas, identification of corruption prone areas are some of the steps taken to strengthen the Vigilance mechanism.